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#### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### **Executive Summary**

This update contains information on actions by the Governor on the following:

#### State Budget Legislation

 AB 1471 (Assembly Committee on Budget) – related to technical changes to the Human Services-related provisions of the FY 2012-13 State Budget Act including CalFresh and In-Home Supportive Services was signed by the Governor on September 22, 2012.

#### Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

- County-opposed AB 845 (Ma) related to prohibitions on city or county ordinances that restrict the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county was signed by the Governor on September 25, 2012.
- County-supported AB 1569 (Allen) related to the extension of the sunset date on Laura's Law which allows counties to provide courtordered mental health treatment was signed by the Governor on September 22, 2012.

- County-supported AB 2062 (Davis) related to allowing the electronic submission of the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) was signed by the Governor on September 24, 2012.
- County-opposed SB 744 (Wyland) related to exempting water submeters for use in multi-unit residential structures from testing and approval was vetoed by the Governor on September 25, 2012.
- County-supported SB 1301 (Hernandez) related to authorization for pharmacists to dispense a prescription refill if a patient has completed an initial 30-day supply was signed by the Governor on September 22, 2012.

#### **State Budget Legislation**

AB 1471 (Assembly Committee on Budget), which would make technical changes necessary to implement the Human Services-related provisions of the FY 2012-13 State Budget Act was signed by the Governor on September 22, 2012. AB 1471 has been chaptered as Chapter 439, Statutes of 2012, and is an urgency measure to take effect immediately. This measure includes the following provisions of interest to the County:

- <u>CalFresh Match Waiver</u>. Would provide a one-year extension, through FY 2012-13, for the CalFresh match waiver which was in effect for FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12. Under the existing waiver, counties can receive the full State General Fund allocation for CalFresh administration without paying their share of non-Federal costs for the amount above an applicable maintenance of effort requirement. DPSS estimates that this proposal, if enacted, would allow the Department to maintain services at FY 2011-12 levels.
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Technical Changes. Would make technical changes to SB 1036 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2012), which established an IHSS Statewide Authority for specified purposes of collective bargaining. The technical changes include clarification that counties maintain the responsibility to establish emergency back-up services, and the requirement that the California Department of Finance consult with counties regarding the implementation of IHSS Maintenance of Effort provisions.

## Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed AB 845 (Ma), which would prohibit an ordinance enacted by a city or county from otherwise restricting or limiting the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county based on place of origin, was signed by

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the Governor on September 25, 2012, and will become effective January 1, 2013. The bill also prohibits voters of a local jurisdiction from enacting such an ordinance. This office and Public Works are developing a fact sheet on AB 845 to update the Board on the potential impact to the County.

County-supported AB 1569 (Allen), which would extend the sunset date for Laura's Law to January 1, 2017, and allow counties to continue to provide court-ordered outpatient mental health treatment for persons with serious mental illnesses if they are likely to become a danger to themselves or others, was signed by the Governor on September 22, 2012. AB 1569 has been chaptered as Chapter 441, Statutes of 2012, and will become effective January 1, 2013.

County-supported AB 2062 (Davis), which would permit all filers of the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) to submit statements electronically in accordance with Fair Political Practices Commission regulations, was signed by the Governor on September 24, 2012. AB 1325 has been chaptered as Chapter 500, Statutes of 2012, and is an urgency measure to take effect immediately.

County-opposed SB 744 (Wyland), which would have exempted water submeters for use in a multi-unit residential structure from testing and approval by a county sealer before they are placed into service for commercial use, was vetoed by the Governor on September 25, 2012.

In his veto message, the Governor indicated the bill would have removed important consumer protections that are necessary, given that ten to fifteen percent of water submeters in the State have been found to be inaccurate in the last two years. The Governor also directed the California Departments of Food and Agriculture and Public Health to work with the Legislature on restructuring the process for certification of water meters.

County-supported SB 1301 (Hernandez), which would authorize a pharmacist to dispense up to a 90-day supply of a prescription refill, other than a controlled substance or psychotropic medication, if the patient has completed an initial 30-day supply, was signed by the Governor on September 22, 2012. SB 1301 has been chaptered as Chapter 455, Statutes of 2012, and will become effective January 1, 2013.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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